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Officials: Mendenhall safe for ECU

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East Carolina University administrators say Mendenhall Student Center is safe for staff members and students despite concerns about the fire alarm system and potential asbestos.

Mendenhall is currently going through a large renovation project to create a catering kitchen space. Bill Bagnell, associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said part of this renovation includes a new fire alarm system and sprinklers.

Mendenhall held a scheduled fire drill last Wednesday and a follow-up drill on Thursday afternoon to test the current alarm system zones.

"My life safety department worked with the building to do some inspection testing and maintenance, which we normally do every single year on a number of buildings. We have a licensed fire safety contractor that came," Bagnell said.

During the Wednesday drill, students working in the campus radio station, WZMB 91.3, discovered their fire alarm system was not functioning. WZMB station manager Kayla Schmidt said ECU fixed the system after the first drill.

Bagnell said ECU had a fire safety contractor come into Mendenhall and test the fire safety system to make sure things are functioning properly. According to Bagnell, ECU had a schedule with that contractor to test a number of buildings fire alarm systems.

"It just so happened that it coincided with part of the discussion we were having in that somebody overheard one of my guys talking about the contractor taking out some of the devices within the renovated area and they were concerned about things that were connected to that because it was a zone system," Bagnell said.

Bagnell said it wasn't until the contractor went in to test the fire alarm that they realized some fire alarm devices were taken out.

"If the test hadn't happened those devices would have been out of service until we found that they were," Bagnell said.

Bagnell said the fire alarm system is original to the construction which took place in 1970 and the last time it was updated was around 30 years ago. He added there is currently no fire alarm system in place in the catering kitchen area.

According to Bagnell, there are two different pieces to the Mendenhall building. He said the original building was built in 1970 and then there was an addition in 1987, which

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From left: Bill Bagnell and Virginia Hardy discuss the safety concerns about Mendenhall Student Center with The East Carolinian.

Radio station moved WZMB given new office amid fire safety concerns

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Editor's Note: WZMB 91.3 and The East Carolinian are both part of the Student Media organization at East Carolina University.

After raising concerns about construction plans, safety concerns with fire alarms and potential asbestos in East Carolina University's Mendenhall Student Center, ECU's student radio station WZMB 91.3 has finally been allowed to move into a safer office space.

Bill Bagnell, associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said he doesn't know when ECU plans to complete the Mendenhall catering kitchen renovations, which is taking place above WZMB.

WZMB's station manager Kayla Schmidt said she was pushing for WZMB to be moved into Mendenhall's social room, which is across the hall from WZMB's original office, for the safety and reputation of ECU's station.

"I believe if we are moved to the social room, it will be a completely safer environment," said Schmidt, a senior

communications major. "Do I feel 100 percent all of the time that we are we're going to stay on air and that nothing is going to go wrong? No, but you gotta work with what you've got."

On Tuesday afternoon, Schmidt was finally notified by facilities that ECU agreed to move the station across the hall into the social room.

"Here at WZMB, we are so thankful that Dr. Hardy was able to step in on our behalf and get this move to happen," Schmidt said on Tuesday evening. "We appreciate all she has done and look forward to moving positively into the future."

John Harvey, director of Student Media at ECU, said he was proud of Schmidt and ECU for finding a solution which allows the radio station to continue to operate.

However, Schmidt said two construction workers came into the station on Tuesday morning and began to open a random ceiling tile and "were looking around inside."

"I mean, you never really know what you're touching when you go up there

because we have wires that broadcast out and if this one wire is touched or altered with, it could create dead air and that risks the FCC shutting us down if we are off for a long period of time," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the wire is what WZMB is currently most concerned about. Schmidt added if the station is off the air for too long, the Federal Communications Commission could take away WZMB's operating license. According to Schmidt, WZMB has 30 days to report dead air (time without any programming) to the FCC, however, it's not good for the station to be off air for an extensive amount of time.

"When you are off air, people forget about you, people aren't going to follow up with your shows and our audience is going to get mad. We've stayed over the summer to work because we love this station," Schmidt said. "We want to be able to exercise our creative abilities full-heartedly and not have to run into all of these little road blocks."

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Right-handed pitcher Chris Holba winds up to pitch in a home game for the Pirates. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

Life-long dream reached Holba drafted in eleventh round by Cardinals

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On the morning of June 6, with the third day of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player draft going on, Chris Holba sat around his computer with his roommates watching, waiting for a phone call that would signal the arrival of a life-long dream.

Holba finally got that call from the St. Louis Cardinals a couple of minutes before they made their pick in the 11th round, and Holba knew he was finally being drafted. The news brought forth the usual excitement of a baseball player becoming a professional, but it also brought more emotions along with it.

"Definitely some mixed emotions," Holba said. "I was so excited that I got drafted but it was a tough decision. I love ECU, I come from a background of moving around a lot so I consider Greenville my home."

For Holba, Greenville became home as he grew as a pitcher and person in his three years at ECU

with the Pirates. On the mound, his growth was clear, as Holba started out as a freshman coming out of the ECU bullpen and finishing with a 6.23 ERA. Holba would slowly move into the starting rotation before breaking out in his junior year, becoming entrenched as the clear No. 1 starter and finishing with a 9-1 record and a 2.99 ERA.

Not only has Holba grown as a pitcher in his time in Greenville, but Holba said he has also grown even more as a person in his time with the ECU coaching staff. ECU head coach Cliff Godwin and the coaching staff are some of the reasons which made Holba emotional about leaving Greenville. Holba said when he thinks back on everything the coaching staff did for him, his growth as a person is one of many things they have given him.

"I don't know if I can say just one thing," Holba said. "That whole coaching staff has completely changed me from high school, matured me and

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Greenville Museum of Art to host "Summer Shindig"

The Greenville Museum of Art will host its third annual "Summer Shindig" in Uptown Greenville today. Local band, Psylo Joe will perform, and there will be food, drinks, dancing and yard games throughout the night. The event is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Greenville Museum of Art, located at 802 S. Evans St. For more information call, (252) 551-6947.

Pitt County Schools displays student work

Pitt County School students from kindergarten through eighth grade will have their work shown in the Don Edwards Galley and Harvey Wooten Gallery in the Greenville Museum of Art. The exhibit kicked off on June 1 and will stay up through Aug. 17.

The museum is located at 802 Evans Street, and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information on times or the exhibit, call (252) 551-6947.

Greenville to host exercise program

Greenville residents can attend the free community series, "Zumba in the Park," starting at 6 p.m. each Thursday for the rest of June. Zumba is a type of fitness program which involves cardiovascular exercise through dance and music.

The Zumba series is held at the Greenville Town Common, located at 150 E. First Street. For more information, call (252) 329-4567.

ECU to host Educator Excellence Summit

East Carolina University's College of Education will host the 2018 Educator Excellence Summit in the Speight Building on ECU's main campus on June 13-14.

The summit will provide an opportunity for educators of all levels to collaborate on projects and topics within the field of education. The summit has aligned the topics with the NC Teaching Standards to make sure the content delivered will be of interest to all of those in attendance. Topics planned include Leadership, ELL, Diversity, Bullying, Differentiation, Motivation, Classroom Harmony, Retention, School Culture and more.

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In addition to possible interference with WZMB's broadcast, Schmidt said Mendenhall held a scheduled fire drill last Wednesday to test the alarm system zones and she found the alarm sound and lights located by WZMB were not operating.

"We had a surprise fire drill and Shay (Shayna Jones, advisor of WZMB) and I didn't hear it in the station, we couldn't hear anything or see anything," Schmidt said. "After I walked out of the station and down the hallway then I could hear it and see the lights flashing, however in here, we had no idea."

Schmidt said ECU did fix the system after the drill was completed and it did test the alarms again in a follow-up fire alarm drill on Thursday to see if it was working.

"Not being notified about the construction project in itself makes me hesitant and nervous about being notified about anything else," Schmidt said.

According to Bagnell, ECU had a licensed fire safety contractor come into Mendenhall to do inspection and maintenance on the fire system to make sure it's functioning properly.

"We had contractors on site and my staff on site when they were testing it, they knew that the area didn't have an alarm down there that they couldn't hear," Bagnell said.

Bagnell said he couldn't tell exactly when the contractor took the fire alarm system devices out of service, but as a part of the



The Greenville City Council met for a workshop session on Monday before the city council meeting. The city council will meet again on Thursday at 6 p.m.

City Council discuss relations between police, community

Julie Estep
TEC STAFF

The Greenville City Council met Monday night for the first meeting of June and heavily focused on issues between the Greenville Police Department and the community.

During the public comment period of the meeting, several members of the community came to speak and share personal stories about times they had negative interactions with GPD, which they felt were all racially motivated.

The first person to speak, Garrett Taylor, said he previously thought police and community relations in Greenville were doing well and were different from other cities shown on the news. He said



Garrett Taylor

"They talked about some of the things that were going on in their neighborhoods, and the other side of town, and I was ashamed, personally, that I didn't recognize that," Taylor said.

Taylor also spoke about racial profiling and described an incident where his brother's car had broken down on the side of the road, and when a police officer pulled over behind him, he proceeded to search his vehicle and treat him

with suspicion, instead of offering to help him first.

"Just because we have good officers, does not mean that we should ignore those who are not holding up the responsibility of their positions," Taylor said. "We're here today to ask that we as a city, as a police department, as a community, hold those individuals responsible for activities and practices that are not conducive for positive behavior in our community."

Another speaker, Keylynne Cunningham, shared her experience of being pulled over by a GPD officer in 2016, after working late at her campus job in Mendenhall Student Center.

Cunningham said she got off work around 2 a.m. and was driving home when she saw an unmarked police officer parked on the side of the road. Cunningham said she was driving well below the speed limit so when the officer drove out and put his lights on, she did not immediately think she was getting pulled over.

Cunningham said the next right turn would have been into an apartment complex on 10th Street which, at the time, had no lights on. Cunningham said she was alone in the car and was not comfortable pulling in there, so instead put on her hazards, she

used her turn signal and pulled over into a parking lot across the street, which was well lit.

"He tells me to open my sunroof, and put my right hand through my sunroof and then to roll my drivers window down and put my left hand through my drivers window," Cunningham said. "As I'm watching him, with my hands out, I see him getting out of the car with his gun, approached and his gun out."

Cunningham said this was the first time she had ever been pulled over by the police and was fearful after seeing the officer draw his weapon. Cunningham said at the end, she was given a ticket for not making the immediate right when pulling over.

"My question to you is," Cunningham said. "What are we going to do about police who kind of incite fear on this community?"

After the public comment period of the meeting, District 2 Councilmember Kandie Smith, proposed moving up Item 21 on the agenda, titled "What to do if stopped by the Police." Smith said she directed the presentation to be given after receiving many complaints from her constituents.

GPD Chief Mark Holtzman and Sgt. Gary Howard, GPD's newest member of its internal

affairs department, gave a prepared presentation on the proper procedures a police officer should take when pulling someone over, as well as the proper actions a driver should take in the same situation.

Following the presentation, Holtzman and Howard addressed several questions from the council regarding the gray areas about reasonable suspicion and consent of searches.

Smith asked whether an officer is required to give an explanation to someone they have pulled over. Smith said she has heard multiple situations from her constituents when they were given no specifics on what they had done wrong during a stop or search.

"Nothing prevents them from communicating that information to you, but often times, it can lead to additional questions and even arguments," Holtzman said. "I would expect them to at least communicate some information to you."

Councilmember and Mayor pro-tem Rose Glover said she herself has been pulled over by a state trooper without any reason, and understands the lengths some citizens may go through to prove they are not a threat.

"In 19 years, I've heard it all," Glover said. "We've got to build a relationship with the community and the people, and until you do that, your officers are not practicing true community policing."

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Keylynne Cunningham



Kandie Smith

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includes where the kitchen is and the third floor.

"There was a fire alarm system that was put in at that point in time that is a zone system fire alarm and it's probably 1987 was the last time it was updated," Bagnell said.

Bagnell said they do not plan on updating the fire alarm system in the catering kitchen, because they plan to tie it in with the existing system, however, the university does plan on integrating new fire alarms and sprinklers in with the complete Mendenhall renovation project.

Currently, there is no timeline put in place to work and replace the original 1970 fire alarm system or the updated 1987 system.

"Not until we get finished with the design we are working with Davis Kane on their design proposal right now and it's probably at least a year's worth of design before we can go into construction," Bagnell said. "We don't have a schedule on the design yet because we are still working on the design proposal."

Along with potential fire safety issues, WZMB was also concerned about its potential exposure to asbestos in materials above its offices.

According to Bagnell, the university does not expose students and staff to asbestos. Bagnell said, even if there was tile which contained asbestos, as long as the tile remains unbroken, students are not in any hazardous

conditions and can remain working in the area.

Bagnell said the university works with the Office of Environmental Health and Campus Safety to bring in a certified licensed asbestos contractor to remove the damaged asbestos containing tile.

Bagnell said ECU has found some thermal insulation wrap in Mendenhall which is asbestos containing, but there is no imminent safety issue in Mendenhall today which would make it unsafe for students, staff or faculty.

"If it was, we would work with environmental health and safety and we would remove people from the building until it was made safe," Bagnell said.

Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university would never intend to place students or faculty in harm's way. Hardy said Mendenhall is "extremely safe."

"Why would we put people's lives at risk, students, employees, visitors, you know? We wouldn't do that. We care too much about our students, we care too much about our employees," Hardy said.

Bagnell said there is currently no advanced planning document, which contains an assessment of the existing conditions, a feasibility study, a proposed project schedule and an estimated construction costs for ECU to review, because ECU does not have a contract yet with Davis Kane Architects, the construction firm in charge of the renovations.

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Folk Arts Society of Greenville's Salsa Dance

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SATURDAY

Leroy James Farmers' Market

4560 County
Home Road
8 a.m.

Sunday in the Park

Greenville Town
Common
7 p.m.

Local creamery expands

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

Simply Natural Creamery has been a big attraction in the Pitt County area for almost four years, and now its daily products will be more accessible to Greenville locals with its new location now open.

The new Simply Natural Creamery is located at 317 Arlington Blvd. and opened its doors last Thursday to hundreds of excited community members ready to get some of their "excellent" product.

"At one point, we had a line out the door and down the sidewalk," said Natalie Aynes, manager of the new Simply Natural Creamery. "So it'll definitely help for people who have never heard of Simply Natural and they come here and they try our (excellent) product then that'll make them go to see exactly where that is."

According to Aynes, the new location will more conveniently provide its all-natural dairy products to children, residents or people who may work in Greenville.

The original Simply Natural Creamery is located in Ayden, North Carolina and opened in October 2014. Although the new location lacks the farm atmosphere of the Ayden location, Aynes said customers still get the full experience of all the products Simply Natural Creamery has to offer.

"Everything here is also sold at the creamery in Ayden," Aynes said. "The only thing missing would be the actual farm."

Simply Natural Creamery products can be found at numerous Greenville establishments such as Parker's BBQ, The Scullery and Duck Donuts, according to the company's website. Simply Natural Creamery's products can also be purchased



Natalie Aynes



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From left: Courtney Jones serves ice cream to Alexis Whitaker. Simply Natural opened last week.

at retail grocery stores such as Food Lion, Walmart and Whole Foods Market.

Aynes said the creamery provides its milk all across eastern North Carolina in areas such as Clayton, North Carolina, along the coast and even as far south as Jacksonville, North Carolina.

For Kimal Caesar, an East Carolina University junior biology major, the fact the products sold at the creamery are natural is what appeals to him the most.

"I like Simply Natural Creamery because they use their own ingredients to create their ice cream," Caesar said. "The ice cream just melts in your mouth and you can really taste that natural flavor."

Simply Natural Creamery prides itself on being well rooted in the area, according to Aynes. Residents and visitors of Pitt County can set up tours of the original farm through its website.

"With certain ice cream companies, you

know the name but you don't know where it comes from. But here at Simply Natural, you can go see exactly the cows that give us the milk and you can see how we process and how we make that," Aynes said. "I think that it makes a big difference knowing where the products come from, and how it's made, and it's created all right here in eastern North Carolina."

Aynes said she expects Simply Natural Creamery to become a staple of the community and once it has cemented its place in Greenville, Simply Natural Creamery hopes to expand its business at another location.

"We're excited to be here, we're very thankful for our customers who have been beside us since the very beginning, and we look forward to serving eastern North Carolina for many years to come," Aynes said.

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Angus walks past Pitt Street Brewing Company which is located at 630 S. Pitt St. in Greenville.

Drink for a cause

Humane Society to host fundraisers

Trajan Warren
TEC STAFF

Greenville residents will be able to drink for a good cause at local breweries this Friday as the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina plans to host the second annual "Barks & Brews" fundraising event.

The Humane Society of Eastern Carolina has partnered with Pitt Street Brewing Company, Uptown Brewing Company and Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery for the "Barks & Brews" event. The first of the three events will take place at Pitt Street Brewing Company, located at 630 S. Pitt St. Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

The "Barks & Brews" events are a "life-saving mission" dedicated to helping homeless dogs and cats find homes, according to the Humane Society's website. The breweries involved have agreed to donate 25 percent of the proceeds they make during the events to the Humane Society.

Pitt Street Brewing Company has a history of working with animal needs fundraisers since coming to Greenville in 2017. In February, Pitt Street worked with Saving Graces 4 Felines, a non-profit organization for a week-long fundraising to raise \$500 for cats in need of homes, according to Brianna Long, the general manager of Pitt Street Brewing Company.

For Long, animal charities and especially the "Barks & Brews" events are something she knows the Greenville community is passionate about and she's glad Pitt Street Brewing Company is a part of it.

"Hopefully, it meets some of the needs for the Humane Society and brings people out to Pitt Street," Long said. "It's something that we know the community loves and it's something we want to give back to as well."

Uptown Brewing Company, who will host the event on July 6 and was involved in the first

"Barks & Brews" fundraiser last year. Donald Dunn, owner of Uptown Brewing Company, said the events are a way to continue showing the civic-oriented attitude Uptown Brewing has always maintained.

"We hope to raise a significant amount of money for the Humane Society and bring recognition to the Humane Society and their causes," Dunn said. "If it involves Pitt County, we try to get involved as much as we can."

According to Sara Sherrill, volunteer coordinator for the Humane Society, they expect a larger turnout this year since more breweries are involved with the event. Sherrill said last year the Humane Society raised about \$1,000 at the "Barks & Brews" event.

Sherrill said the Humane Society is very appreciative of the generosity of the local breweries and how supportive they have been to work through the process of setting up the events.

"We're just so grateful for the breweries that we have in town working with us," Sherrill said.

"Everyone loves to support local businesses while also supporting all of the animals in need."

For Sherrill, the events will add much needed awareness about how the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina works and how members of the community can help, even if that means buying a beer.

"We want to make sure everyone is aware that there are so many animals in need, so we're just hoping to spread the word about us," Sherrill said.

Trollingwood Taproom & Brewery will also host the final "Barks & Brews" event on August 10, at its 707 Dickinson Ave. location from 5 to 8 p.m.

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OUR VIEW

University should be open about renovations

According to multiple university records, the 44-year-old Mendenhall Student Center at East Carolina University is in serious need for major renovation due to poor conditions that cause concern for safety. These concerns range from not being up to fire safety code to potential asbestos in the building materials.

Although ECU officials said the university plans to renovate parts of Mendenhall, no details have been given about the timeline of these renovations nor what effects these safety concerns may have had or will have on student and faculty who visit Mendenhall.

For example, on June 6, Mendenhall ran a fire alarm, but students working for WZMB, the campus radio station, could not hear the alarm from their offices. These poor safety conditions put students' lives at risk and the university must be upfront with what it knows and what the plan is moving forward.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, believe ECU should be transparent with its students, and give its plan for renovation if it has one.

With asbestos and fire code issues, as well as a long list of maintenance which has been put off, it is important for ECU to let its students know there is a plan in place to renovate one of the university's most popular spots. Even if there is not yet a plan in place, students should at least know the university is willing to address the issue to make the school safer as a result.

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Fox News pushes agenda

Reporting mishap shows bias in narrative



Robbie's Rumbles

Recently, Fox News ran a story about President Trump un-inviting the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles for their alleged lack of support for the country by kneeling in protest during the national anthem this past season, but in reality they didn't kneel in protest.

However, like it usually forgets to or possibly chooses to do, Fox News didn't look into whether any of the Eagles actually knelt, because if they had they would've known not a single person on the Eagles' sideline throughout the season took a knee during the anthem.

Instead, this supposed Christian-supporting organization used photos of players kneeling in prayer well before the National Anthem was played. One player who was used as a B-roll shot was tight end Zach Ertz, who just converted to Christianity this season.

Fox did apologize for its lack of research and later deleted the segment, but Twitter still has screenshots of the lie-filled package.

Fox's lack of research into this subject shows how determined people, including a news organization, are about pushing this false narrative about the NFL players and their protesting, which was started by former San Francisco 49ers' quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

The initial kneeling incident led by Kaepernick has been so demonized that with the latest incident Fox News used photos of kneeling players unrelated to protesting to push this narrative even farther. Eagles' defensive end Chris Long tweeted "Fox News used the faith of Christian men dishonestly to push an agenda..." This tweet shows how people and news organizations are out to get the NFL and its protesting players.

However, instead of addressing the issues the athletes in the NFL are protesting by kneeling, both President Donald Trump and Fox News say these men are un-American, unpatriotic and that they hate our military. Which is complete bull****. This sense of needing to push the false narrative is how divided and demonizing we have become as a nation, especially around this single event.

The protesting has and will continue to be about police brutality and the inequalities which persons of color face

and how there needs to be action by political and other high-power individuals to help fix the problems in this nation.

I'm sick of seeing people and organizations try to demonize men in the NFL by making their protest about something which it isn't truly about. I get it, some people don't appreciate the timing of the protest. However, instead of whining and attacking these people, we should be talking about the issues they protest about. If you don't want to work toward a solution, then you don't reserve the right to whine and moan when they kneel.

The real narrative is as follows: the NFL players are protesting police brutality and social inequality faced by minorities, but people and organizations are still denying the real reason for protesting and are demonizing the athletes. So, either people can keep refusing that there is an issue or we as a nation can have rational conversations and seek solutions to these problems. What we cannot continue to do is perpetuate the false narrative about the protesting.

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Gatekeeping detracts from pride



Andy Candid-Li

June is official LGBT Pride Month, bringing with it parades, parties and public displays of radical affection. However, with any gathering of a marginalized group, infighting comes along with the celebrations. But does this gatekeeping make the LGBT community stronger or does it create a fragmented group which is weaker against our real enemies?

The Oxford Dictionary defines "gatekeeping" as the activity of controlling, and usually limiting access to something. Within the LGBT community, this takes the form of excluding asexuals from Pride events. To those outside of the LGBT community, asexuality describes the sexual orientation in which a person does not experience sexual attraction. Asexual, or "ace," can be ambivalent about participating in sex or can be

sex-repulsed, meaning sex and sexual actions make them uncomfortable. This is often tied to a variant form of romantic attraction- either romantic attraction to the same gender, opposite gender, all genders, etc.

There is an argument that cisgender heteroromantic asexuals -- ie: people who don't identify as trans, are romantically straight, but who do not experience sexual attraction -- are not LGBT and should not participate in Pride events. Moreover, some asexuals demand that couples at Pride events not display their affection publicly (by the way, if you're cishet, you're not LGBT and if gay people kissing disgusts you, you're homophobic and that's that). These debates are often carried out online and are accompanied with comparisons to homophobes and other oppressors.

Now, there is some value in discussing who is and isn't a member of a community, especially in a community based on gender and sexuality, which is notoriously fluid and hard to understand. My problem isn't with the actual discussions- active discourse is a necessity for any marginalized

group. The timing of these discussions happening during Pride is the problem.

In our current political and social climate-- one where Chechnyan families are encouraged to throw their gay sons off roofs and trans women of color are murdered just for being who they are -- there are more important discussions than whether or not asexuals belong at Pride.

That's not to say we shouldn't discuss and debate as a community about it, but during Pride, when the world's eyes are on us, infighting just fragments us and makes us more vulnerable to attacks from those who wish us actual harm. So instead of fighting each other, let's fight together.

Let's keep cops out of Pride, let's hold companies who are using us as marketing schemes out of Pride, let's keep trans exclusionary radical feminists out of Pride, let's keep racists out of Pride. Let's focus on the threats from outside, and then turn to the threats within.

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HOROSCOPES



Aries (March 21-April 19)
-- Today is an 8 -- Adapt to

unexpected news. Profit through communications under this Gemini New Moon. Love, romance and fun spark, with Venus in Leo. Creative artistry satisfies.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
-- Today is an 8 -- Your

team provides cause for celebration under the New Moon. You're especially irresistible this month, with Venus in your sign. Try a new style.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 --

Partnership blossoms under this New Moon. This next month, with Venus in Leo, favors travel and exploration. Investigate a subject you love. Explore together.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)
-- Today is an 8 -- Use creative

communications for sales and marketing under this Gemini New Moon. Your home can become your love nest, with Venus in Leo.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
-- Today is a 9 -- Professional

opportunities shine under this New Moon. Find beauty in tranquil moments this month, with Venus in Leo. You're especially intuitive. Keep secrets and confidences.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Fresh

energy floods your work, health and vitality with this New Moon. Grow a lucrative collaboration, with Venus in Leo. Profit from shared passion.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)
-- Today is a 9 -- Personal

breakthroughs and transformations arise with this New Moon in your sign. Grow your talents, capacities and skills. Share your story, with Venus in Leo.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
-- Today is an 8 --

Education, travels and exploration sprout under this Gemini New Moon. Consider new views and perspectives. You're especially popular this month, with Venus in Leo.



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
-- Today is an 8 -- This

New Moon inspires fun, love and romance. Partnerships flow with greater ease this month, with Venus in Leo. Share what you love.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)
-- Today is a 7 -- Discover

something new about the past. Insights sparkle under this New Moon. This month, with Venus in Leo, can get lucrative. Increase the love factor.



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
-- Today is a 9 -- Find

creative ways to grow your family's nest egg. A lucrative phase dawns with this New Moon. Venus in Leo nurtures your career with love.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
-- Today is a 7 -- A new

domestic phase arises with this New Moon. Seeds planted long ago sprout. Health, fitness and your work flower, with Venus in Leo.

CROSSWORD

THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- 1 Curry of "Dateline NBC"
- 4 Role on "Becker"
- 7 "Case"
- 11 John, in Britain
- 12 Prefix for center or gram
- 13 "Living ___"; 1991 TV movie
- 14 Suffix for Caesar
- 15 Designer Cassini
- 16 Namesakes of a TV dog
- 17 "The ___"; reality series
- 20 Feasted
- 21 Author Levin
- 22 "Get ___" (1999-2000)
- 25 Two-cup item
- 26 "Judging ___"
- 29 Series for Paget Brewster
- 33 "The Man with the Golden ___"; 1955 Frank Sinatra movie
- 34 "Why ___ I Get Married?"; '07 film
- 35 "Until They ___"; 1957 Paul Newman film
- 36 "The ___ Commandments"
- 37 Sault __, Marie
- 39 See 38 Down
- 46 European capital

DOWN

- 1 ___ Guinness
- 2 Mr. Wyle
- 3 Warning to Nanette
- 4 Misrepresent
- 5 "___ All Night" (1981-82)
- 6 "I'm a ___ Now"
- 7 Role on "Cheers"
- 8 Toast spread
- 9 Role on "The Mod Squad"
- 10 Piece of office furniture
- 15 Make a selection
- 18 "___ Springs Weekend"; '63 movie
- 19 "___ and Alice"; 2002 sitcom
- 22 "The ___ Victor Show" (1952-54)
- 23 Miscalculate
- 24 Goal
- 25 "The ___ News Bears"
- 26 Santa __, CA
- 27 508 years ago
- 28 Monogram on a designer purse
- 30 "The Big ___ with Donny Deusch"
- 31 Linda on "Becker" and others
- 32 "___-You.Com"; 2006 movie
- 36 "___ N Weasel"; 1992 TV movie
- 37 One of two walking poles
- 38 With 39 Across, series for Jim Parsons
- 39 Recipe direction
- 40 Words in a ratio
- 41 "The ___"; Dean Cain TV movie
- 42 Delight
- 43 "Coffee, Tea ___?"; '73 TV movie
- 44 Virginia ___
- 45 Boo Boo Bear's buddy

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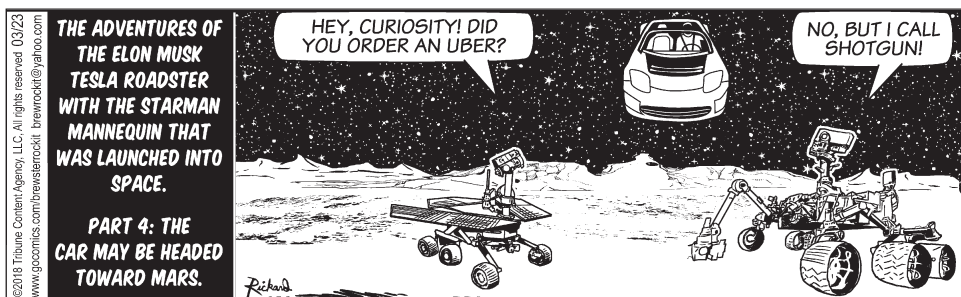
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Migliorati, Cause finish careers



Stefano Migliorati runs in the 2018 American Indoor Track and Field Championship for ECU. COURTESY OF ECUPIRATES.COM

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

Two East Carolina University seniors finished their careers on a high note last week, as Stefano Migliorati (800m) and Galissia Cause (shot put) both competed in the NCAA Outdoor Championships held in Eugene, Oregon on June 6-9. Both players advanced from the NCAA East Preliminaries, to compete against the top 24 competitors in the country.

Migliorati competed first in the outdoor championships on Wednesday, running the 800m with a time of 1:51.68, good for seventh in his heat and a 20th overall finish. However, only the top two finishers advance to the final race.

Migliorati finished his career with the Pirates as the school record holder in both the indoor and outdoor 800m events, and has also won three American Athletic Conference titles in the 800m (2017 indoor and 2017/18 outdoor).

Galissia Cause competed on Thursday, placing tenth in the shot put with a mark of 16.72 meters. Cause is the school record holder in shot

put, and finished her career as a four-time NCAA East Preliminary qualifier and 2018 AAC discus champion. Cause's efforts at the outdoor championships also led to Second-Team All-American honors and drew high honors from head coach Kurt Kraft.

"To have Galissia go out and get tenth at the national meet is really a credit to her," Kraft said. "There are not many people who can claim to be the tenth best in America in their event and she accomplished that."

As the seniors move on, the Pirates will look to their underclassmen to step up next season. The Pirates are ready for the challenge, as the team had three underclassmen named all conference honorees in sophomore Nuria Tillo-Prats (800m), freshmen Sommer Knight (Pole vault) and Mackenzie Whitaker (Long Jump).

The team will lose some valuable leadership as Cause, Migliorati and Baker, but Kraft has confidence in his underclassmen to step up.

"The good thing about having a good mix of underclassmen is the ability for them to learn," Kraft said.

"For these young players to have the chance to learn from a Stefano Migliorati or a Galissia Cause is great for our team, and with the great group of recruits we have coming in, we are excited about next season and I think the goal of winning a championship can be achieved."

The end of the championship brings the end of a successful year for the Pirates. After a strong regular season, the women's team placed second at the AAC Outdoor Championships, and the team saw three conference individual champs in seniors Mahogany Baker (Hammer), Cause (Discus) and Migliorati (800m) as well as 12 all-conference honorees. Kraft said he was proud of his team's season and how well they finished.

"Anytime you can finish off your season at the national championships is great, and on top of the season we had, it's like icing on the cake," Kraft said. "Our women finished second outdoors, and the men had a good meet as well, and in all we had an absolutely great season."

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Volleyball Non-Conference Schedule Fall 2018

Southern Miss Invitational

8/24/18
ECU VS Florida A&M
Noon
ECU VS Alcorn State
8 p.m.

8/25/18
ECU @ Southern Miss
8 p.m.

Golden Eagle Invitational

8/31/18
ECU VS Hampton
3:30 p.m.

9/1/18

ECU VS USC Upstate
10:00 p.m.
ECU @ Tennessee Tech
2:00 p.m.

9/2/18

ECU @ N.C. Central
3:00 p.m.

Pirate Invitational

9/6/18

ECU VS Gardner Webb
7:00 p.m.

9/7/18

ECU VS Eastern Washington
1:00 p.m.
ECU VS Charlotte
7 p.m.

2nd Colonial Classic

9/14/18

ECU VS Morgan State
3:30 p.m.

9/15/18

ECU VS Lehigh
10:30 a.m.
ECU @ William & Mary
7:00 p.m.

The East Carolina University volleyball team opens its season on August 24. Listed above does not include the Pirates' American Athletic Conference opponents set to begin on September 21.

ECU volleyball 2018 schedule released

Staff Report

Following the East Carolina University volleyball team's 22-11 campaign in 2017, the team's first 20 win season since 2005 and first winning season since 2006, the schedule for the 2018 season has been released, featuring 13 home games in Minges Coliseum.

"I am especially excited about this upcoming season after coming off such a great year," said head coach Julie Torbett, according to ecupirates.com. "We lost some incredible seniors so it will be interesting to see how the younger players step up and lead. The schedule is very balanced, providing us with some challenges early on against Florida A&M, Southern Miss, Charlotte and

Lehigh. We also face some programs we have historically been successful against to allow us a chance to try out the new players and establish a solid lineup heading into conference play."

ECU will start its schedule by going on the road for its first seven matches of the season before opening its home schedule on Sept.



Julie Torbett

will face Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Alcorn State University in a double-header,

and will play the host, Southern Mississippi University, on Aug. 25. The next week will take the Pirates to Tennessee Technological University for the Golden Eagle Invitational where they will take on Hampton University on Aug. 31, as well as the University of South Carolina Upstate and Tennessee Tech on Sept. 1.

The Pirates will also take on North Carolina Central University on Sept. 2 for their final game before the team's home opener against Gardner-Webb University on Sept. 6 in the Pirate Invitational. While each of these teams will feature new players, the Pirates were able to take care of each of these teams during the 2017 season, as the Pirates defeated NCCU twice, and took down Gardner-Webb as well. They

will conclude the Pirate Invitational which will be held Sept. 6-7 with matches against Eastern Washington University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

ECU will then finish the majority of its non-conference schedule when it travels to Williamsburg, Virginia to take on William and Mary University, the host, Morgan State University and Lehigh University in the second Colonial Classic on Sept. 14-15.

Following the string of non-conference games, the Pirates will dive into their American Athletic Conference schedule, and will look to build off the Pirates 13-7, fourth-place AAC finish in 2017, its best since joining the conference. ECU will open AAC play on

Sept. 21 with a match against the University of Cincinnati before completing the home-and-home series with another matchup against NCCU Sept. 25 in Greenville.

Following those games, the Pirates will take on Wichita State University, the University of Tulsa, the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida, Tulane University and the University of Memphis twice in conference play. Along with those games, the Pirates will host the University of Houston and Southern Methodist University once, and will also travel to the University of Connecticut and Temple University in single matches.

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made me a much better, not necessarily just a baseball player, I mean yes as a baseball player but more so as a person. And that's just a testament to the program that coach Godwin runs and the culture they have there."

Rounding out the list of factors which gave Holba sadness about leaving ECU would be his teammates. Many ECU players talk about a team of players which do just about everything

together and are like a family. Holba said he will miss all of his teammates, but he knows they will be supportive of him at the next level, and he'll be the same for them.

Although Holba may have some bittersweet feelings about leaving ECU, there are more reasons to be excited about being drafted. While Holba has to leave a place he has come to think of as home, he now becomes a part of an organization which is close to a place his family calls home. St. Louis, Missouri is about 18 miles away from O'Fallon, where Holba went

to high school and his family is excited for him.

"My brother and my mom are huge Cardinals fans so they're all excited," Holba said. "And I went to high school just outside of St. Louis, so I got a lot of texts and phone calls from my friends back home that are huge Cardinals fans and they're all really pumped."

Besides the team's ability to develop strong pitchers, the Cardinals stood out to Holba for another reason. While leaving his ECU teammates behind are a reason to be sad, Holba's former ECU

teammate, Evan Kruczynski was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the ninth round of the 2017 MLB draft. Working with Kruczynski is another reason Holba is excited to join the Cardinals organization.

"I was on the phone with him for probably an hour, talking to him about some different options but that morning when I had a good idea that I was gonna go to St. Louis I texted him saying, 'Want to be teammates again?'" Holba said.

Kruczynski wasn't the only one excited to have Holba

in the Cardinals organization. The Cardinals liked Holba enough to draft him in the 11th round, and Cardinals Scouting Director Randy Flores said the organization is "excited" about its selection. "Chris Holba has a pitching arsenal we are excited to add to our organization," Flores said. "His track record is excellent and we are attracted to his role versatility."

Holba will head out to join the State College Spikes in State College, Pennsylvania in the next couple of weeks. Holba said

Godwin, as well as assistant coaches Dan Rozel and Jeff Palumbo, gave him all the tools he needs at ECU to have a successful career. While he had a lot to think about as he made the decision to turn professional and join the Cardinals organization, ultimately hearing his name called during the draft was the dream-come-true for Holba.

"It was pretty surreal. Now I'm just ready to start my pro career," Holba said.

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